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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

JEAN WOLOSZKO et al.

Application No.: 09/679,394

Filed: October 3, 2000

For: APPARATUS FOR TREATMENT OF

SPINAL DISORDERS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Examiner: L. Cohen

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AMENDMENT

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This is in response to the Office Action mailed May 16, 2002, for which a response was due August 16, 2002. Applicant submits a request for 3 months extension thereby extending the time for response to November 16, 2002 which falls on a Saturday with the next business day being November 18, 2002. Thus, this response is timely filed.